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NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

Allegan, Mich., April 18.—The net fishing industry has been the poorest this season of any year within the remembrance of the older ones engaged in that industry. There are several sets of nets in the Kalamazoo river, and the supply does not equal one-third of the demand. Suckers sell at 25 cents each, where other years they sold at two for a quarter. The poor season is attributed to the cold weather.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 18.—A catch of 1500 pounds of Wabash river fish was brought into town and distributed among dealers. The lowest price for buffalo and carp was 8 cents a pound, while channel cats brought 15 cents a pound. In many instances buffalo and carp tipped the scales at 25 pounds. These, of course, were caught in the lowlands south of the city, while the catfish and some bass as well as jack salmon were brought up from the south on the Illinois side of the river.

A correspondent from St. James, Mich., writes that gill netters are doing fair fishing this spring. The tug Margaret McCann has been making fine catches of trout and whitefish, averaging 4500 pounds to a lift. This tug recently went to Sheboygan, Mich., to put on a steel trout wheel. The tug Little Meta is making good catches, averaging 2000 pounds to a lift. The Clara A. Elliott has also been fortunate.

Gasoline boats are doing good gill netting, and perch fishermen made good catches in the harbor last week. Seiners have been making heavy hauls of perch.

Pond netters are getting their stakes and twine ready.

Fishing around the islands this spring is better than it has been in years. The tug Shamrock is not fishing this spring.

The U. S. Fish Hatcheries planted 15,000,000 young whitefish off Sand Bay on April 26.

Laurel, Del., April 29.—Robert H. Hearn caught a pike in old Trussum mill pond yesterday that measured 26 inches in length. Partly inside of this pike was another one that was 23 inches long. Both of the fish were dead. The two weighed 71-2 pounds. This is the first time anyone around here ever heard of one fish trying to swallow another so nearly its size.

Menominee, Mich., April 29.—This week proved to be a busy one for the gill netters and pound netters. All of the gill net boats were out after trout and whitefish, and receipts were rather light for the amount of twine fished. Stakes are being driven for pound nets, and several fishermen have made their first lift this week out of pound nets. Fish Creek operators have been doing exceptionally well with the few lifts they have had with pound nets, the herring being brought in green and shipped to Chicago market. Five of the Oconto, Wis., fish tugs are fishing out of the port until the perch and pike season opens in Wisconsin on May 10. The trout seem to be near the southern end of the bay, and most of the twine is being cast in that locality for the time being. The Wisconsin law calls for a gillnet with meshes not smaller than four-inch, still the run of trout is unusually small this spring. Fishermen in general decry the wholesale slaughter of the spawn trout during the fall season when fish are stripped for their spawn, when in nearly half of the instances the spawn is not yet ripe or weather too rough to properly handle and impregnate the spawn.

Cleveland, O., May 1.—This market is very indifferently supplied with Lake Erie varieties, and where the fish is to be found seems to be beyond the ken of the most experienced fishermen.

About 20 days ago, there was an abundance of the finest kind of herring and the trade desired large blue pike and perch. At present there is a famine all round, with little or nothing in sight at any point on the south shore. Fishermen, however, and this includes the cult, are hopeful, and always the reverse of pessimism. Sometimes what they don't catch today will show up tomorrow, and Lake Erie is a large storehouse, so sweet hope continues even while past earnings dwindle.

Notwithstanding the foregoing there is an evident feeling that boats might as well lay at the dock until some showing of fish becomes apparent, and while no boats are ordered to pull out, as yet, it is likely that quite a number will cease fishing within the next few days unless fairly good-sized lifts are reported at some location.

The Booth Fisheries Company is handling large quantities of all varieties and shipping is quite brisk at the best figures of the season.

The Case Fish Co. keeps its fleet of boats lifting daily, and with the addition of trap and pound net catches and large consignments of whitefish, manage to keep their trade well supplied at quotation prices.

A number of boats are ordered to return to this port after an unsuccessful period at Ashtabula, O.

This is the "winter of discontent" for the producers, as no matter how many boats are out or where they set or lift the catches are too light to even pay fuel bills.

A rumor keeps circulating that a large wholesale fish company will be added to the industry, and ready to take part in the fall fishing. Fishing Gazette.

TWO LOTS DOWN HERE TO SPLIT

The Gill Netting Fleet Landed Only Small Fares Yesterday Afternoon.

With two fresh fares down from Boston the week here closed rather quietly today. Sch. Ruth had 90,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Juno, 40,000 pounds, both trips going to the splitters.

The gill netters did but little yesterday, only half of the fleet being out. The Medomak and Bethulla landed the best fares, having 3500 pounds each. The day's receipts were shipped fresh to Boston.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Juno, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ruth, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince O'af, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulla, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rough Rider, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Avalon, halibuting.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, halibuting.

Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, George, hand-lining.

Sch. Corsair, salt drifting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

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Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, 2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 90c.

Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c, round, 70c.

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Bank halibut, 7c for white and 4c for gray.

"Dogs" and "Swords."

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially: "One of the liveliest topics of conversation along the Maine coast just at present is: Will the dogfish exterminate the swordfish? And before that regrettable possibility is accomplished: Will the state and government take no action to prevent this? It is rumored that a bounty is to be offered for the increasing pest, and if this is so there will be many fishermen ready to take up dogfishing in earnest. This pugilistic canine of the sea has always been the worst enemy of the swordfish. Sometimes however, it is the sword which conquers the dog!"

Portland Fishing Notes.

The Albert D. Willard is fitting out for sword fishing, and expects to be ready by the first of June.

Arrivals Thursday were as follows: Sch. Maggie Turner, 12,000 lbs. halibut to J. W. Trefethen & Co.

Sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 4000 lbs. mixed fish.

Bait News.

Herring were plentiful at Amherst, Grindstone and House Harbor and Etang du Nord Tuesday. There were plenty of herring in the traps at Grand Entry. John A. Dillon, fishery officer at Queensport, wired Wednesday that no herring had been found during the day.

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SCH. STILETTO LOST MUCH GEAR

The Gloucester schooner Stiletto, Captain Grady, came into port Saturday with a story of hard luck up in the ice floes off the coast of Belle Isle, where the vessel had been marooned in mighty icebergs, instead of among the fish herds that were there in abundance, but which Captain Grady could not possibly reach in endeavoring to save the vessel from total destruction, the skipper lost a lot of gear that cost him \$500 to replace. He wired for instructions from the home port, and the necessary equipment was sent him from Halifax.—North Sidney Herald, May 7.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Captain Martin Nelson is to have a new 50-foot sloop built at Thomaston, Me. It will have sail and 24-horse power gas engine, with all the modern improvements hoisting gear, etc., and expects it to be ready for the summer's work in the mackerel netting and bluefishing.

Sch. Governor Russell was in port this week.

A new vessel is about completed for Captain Antone King for the fresh fishing business.

Fishing steamer Sam and Priscilla, Captain Samuel T. Hatch, went to Gloucester Sunday to fit for seining.

Sloop Vesta, Captain William O'Donnell, is in Gloucester this week fitting out for seining season.

Joseph A. Manta and Captain Antone King were in Gloucester this week in the interest of the new vessel Progress, which is to be commanded by Captain King.

The Week's Landings at T Wharf.

Arrivals of fresh groundfish at T wharf, Boston for the week ending May 9, totalled 1,605,850 pounds from 55 arrivals against 2,447,100 pounds from 67 arrivals for the same period in 1912.

Halibut at Portland.

A Georgesman, name not reported, is at Portland this morning with 6000 pounds of fresh halibut.

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EASY DAY FOR T WHARF MEN

Three Smoke Boats and a Steam Trawler All There Are in Up There.

Only for the arrivals of the steam trawler Surf, T wharf would have been without fresh fish fare this morning. Saturday is the pretty quiet place around the dock any way and there was but little trading, consequently the demand was not very great or prices up.

The Surf hauled for 38,000 pounds of haddock, 1100 cod, 2500 lemon sole and 200 weight of halibut. Yesterday afternoon three shore boats landed 13,000 pounds cod.

Wholesalers quoted haddock at \$1 to \$3.25 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$3, market cod, \$2.50 and pollock, \$2.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Laura Enos, 4000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3500 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 5500 cod.

Str. Surf, 38,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 2500 lemon sole, 200 halibut.

Haddock, \$1 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2.50; pollock, \$2.

FEW MACKEREL LANDED TODAY

Still the mackerel come; this morning's wire to the Times from New York announcing the arrival of two more of the southern seining fleet with small fares in addition to a half dozen netting fares.

The seiners in are:

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, 2020 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, 1200 fresh mackerel.

The Netters.

Sch. Maxwell, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Wood and Mack, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 800 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Sneed, 1400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Tottman, 600 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Arthur James landed her fare yesterday afternoon, counting out 1940 bloaters and 88 medium fish.

Capt. Webber in sch. Lottie G. Merchant was at Fulton dock this morning with a small fare of 1200 fish in count.

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HOSPITAL SHIP BILL REVIVED

Senator Lodge has introduced what amounts to the Gardner Hospital Ship Bill into the Senate. This bill was first brought to the attention of Congress last winter by Representative Gardner and hearings were heard on it before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. The Lodge bill is shorter than the House measure and merely provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide a ship "to be used as a marine hospital in connection with the American fisheries." The surgeon general of the Public Health Service is given the authority to equip the ship properly. The bill has been referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver arrived at Canso Wednesday last and cleared.

Sch. Quonnapowitt passed Mulgrave bound to Magdalens Wednesday last.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Rhodora sold this forenoon to the New England Fish Company at seven cents a pound for white and four cents for gray.